

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL**  
**ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 1.06 PM.**

**PRESENT**

B. Jones, G. Volckman, L. Kees, R. Hedgman. B. Meek

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
J. Clayton, (Councillor)  
C. Ingle, (CEO)  
W. Moen (Staff)  
T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

R. Scarlett

*G. Volckman / L. Kees - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

J. Clayton opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:**        ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*L. Kees / G. Volckman - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

Kathleen Gavigan and Clive Hellier were in attendance last year.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with an up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$45,129.71. L. Kees spoke of the rate strike and stated he would like to keep the rates the same and still have the some works done. W. Moen advised the meeting to have a "fighting fund" in place.

**Moved:**        ***"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".***

*B. Jones / G. Volckman - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. He advised that following discussion with the Chairperson no works requirements have been identified. \$8,500 is to be allowed for maintenance of existing works and includes spraying.

G. Volckman stated that a good result was obtained following recent spraying. B. Jones stated that willows need to be removed from Granite Creek. W. Moen advised that resource consent is in place for this area, he agreed to check what is in place and report

back to the Chairperson. W. Moen advised there is a consent in place for the estuary. G. Volckman stated it would cost approximately \$50,000 to tidy up the whole area including the swamp. Cr Clayton advised the meeting to consider carrying out a major clean up as a one-off.

W. Moen asked the meeting if they would like spraying done earlier this year. The meeting agreed that December – January is ideal. G. Volckman advised that the rating district is prepared to pay for spraying if it is not suitable to tie it in with other jobs.

B. Jones advised that he now has a floodgate in place which he had to pay for. W. Moen advised Mr. Jones to send an account in for the works he carried out.

R. Hedgman asked for a vote of thanks to those who assisted with keeping this area clear.

**Moved:** *"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted, the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and the projected works implemented."*

*L. Kees / G. Volckman - Carried*

### **RATES 2008 / 2009**

B. Jones stated that he sees no point in growing the fund. L. Kees stated that the rate strike is left for this year and looked at again next year. W. Moen advised that the revised Asset Management Plan recommends \$7,600.

**Moved:** *"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$7,600 + G.S.T."*

*L. Kees / R. Hedgman - Carried*

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** *"That G. Volckman be re-elected as the spokesperson and that the committee comprise of all ratepayers for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."*

*B. Jones / Kees - Carried*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion took place regarding what is required when getting rid of old logs when humping and hollowing. R. Hedgman stated that contractors need to be made aware of requirements when carrying out works. It was agreed that W. Moen would write to all members of the rating district advising them to either burn or bury logs when carrying out humping and hollowing.

C. Ingle asked the meeting if they were receptive to the idea of changing the meeting time for next year's meeting to earlier in the day. The meeting agreed with this.

Cr Clayton thanked the rating district for their support and co-operation Council has received over the years. He advised that this is his last meeting of his term on Council.

G. Volckman thanked Cr Clayton for his support and attendance at meetings over the years and spoke of his sound understanding and help with issues over the years.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2 pm.

**Wayne Moen**  
**River Engineer**  
**25 September 2007**